

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-9. (canceled)

Claim 10. (new) A workpiece carrier for use with a power saw having (i) a flat work table provided with a guide slot, and (ii) a cutting tool extending above the worktable for engaging a workpiece, the workpiece carrier comprising:

a) a base provided with

- (i) a horizontal plate having a front edge and top and bottom surfaces,
- (ii) a guide bar extending downwardly from said plate,
- (iii) a first track extending in said plate transverse to the guide bar, and
- (iv) an upright brace connected in fixed relation to said plate and formed with a threaded hole extending parallel to said first track;

b) a holder provided with

- (i) a workpiece mounting structure having a front face at a position above said plate, and
- (ii) a second track connected in fixed relation to said workpiece mounting structure and slidably engaging said first track for movement of said workpiece mounting structure between a front position proximate the front edge of said plate and a back position forwardly of said upright brace;

c) a drive screw threaded through the threaded hole in said upright brace and rotatably engaging the workpiece mounting structure to effect sliding movement of said holder between said positions upon turning of the drive screw; and

d) a graspable handle connected in fixed relation to one of the base and the holder.

Claim 11. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 10 in which the front face of said workpiece mounting structure extends parallel to the guide bar.

Claim 12. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 10 in which one of said tracks comprises a pair of laterally spaced slots extending transverse to the guide bar, and the other of said tracks comprises a pair of rails slidably received in said slots.

Claim 13. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 13 in which said plate further includes a back edge, and said first track extends through said plate between said front and back edges.

Claim 14. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 10 in which the drive screw is rotatably affixed to the workpiece mounting structure to effect movement thereof forwardly and rearwardly between said positions upon rotation of the drive screw in first and second directions, respectively.

Claim 15. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 10 in which the drive screw extends horizontally through said threaded hole to effect horizontal movement of said workpiece mounting structure.

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Claim 16. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 10 further comprising means engaging said workpiece mounting structure for securing a workpiece against said front face, said securing means being characterized as located behind a vertical plane passing through the front edge of the base with said workpiece mounting structure in said back position.

Claim 17. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 16 in which the workpiece mounting structure includes a back face and apertures extending through between said front and back faces, and said securing means comprises a plurality of threaded fasteners extending through said apertures and having heads engaging said back face for securing the workpiece to the front face of the workpiece mounting structure.

Claim 18. (new) A workpiece carrier for use with a power saw having (i) a flat work table provided with a guide slot, and (ii) a cutting tool extending above the table for engaging a workpiece, the workpiece carrier comprising:

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- a) a base provided with
 - (i) a horizontal plate having a front edge and top and bottom surfaces,
 - (ii) a guide bar extending downwardly from said plate, and
 - (iii) a first track extending in said plate transverse to the guide bar;
 - b) a holder provided with
 - (i) a workpiece mounting structure having a front face at a position above said plate, and
 - (ii) a second track connected in fixed relation to said workpiece mounting structure and engaging said first track for sliding movement of the workpiece mounting structure between a front position proximate the front edge of said plate and a back position rearwardly thereof;
 - c) a drive screw connected between the base and the holder to effect movement of the workpiece mounting structure between said positions upon turning of the drive screw;
 - d) a graspable handle connected in fixed relation to one of the base and the holder; and
 - e) means connected to said workpiece mounting structure for securing a workpiece to said front face, said securing means being characterized as located behind a vertical plane passing through the front edge of the base with said workpiece mounting structure in said back position.

Claim 19. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 18 in which said workpiece mounting structure includes a back face and apertures extending through between said front and back faces, and said securing means comprises a plurality of fasteners extending through said apertures and having heads engaging said back surface for securing a workpiece to the front face of said workpiece mounting structure.

Claim 20. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 18 in which one of said tracks comprises a pair of laterally spaced slots extending transverse to the guide bar, and the other of said tracks comprises a pair of rails slidably received in said slots.

Claim 21. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 20 in which said plate further includes a back edge, and said first track extends through said plate between said front and back edges.

Claim 22. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 18 in which the drive screw is rotatably affixed to the workpiece mounting structure to effect movement thereof forwardly and rearwardly between said positions upon rotation of the drive screw in first and second directions, respectively.

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Claim 23. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 18 in which the drive screw extends horizontally through said threaded hole to effect horizontal movement of said workpiece mounting structure.

Claim 24. (new) A workpiece carrier for use with a power saw having (i) a flat work table provided with a guide slot and (ii) a cutting tool extending above the table for engaging a workpiece, the carrier comprising:

a) a base plate provided with

(i) a horizontal plate having front and back edges and top and bottom surface extending therebetween,

(ii) a guide bar extending downwardly from said bottom surface, and

(iii) a first pair of laterally spaced tracks extending transverse to the guide bar between said front and back edges;

b) an upright brace

(i) connected in fixed relation to the base plate,

(ii) spanning above and across said first pair of tracks, and

(iii) formed with a threaded hole extending parallel to said first pair of tracks;

c) a holder provided with

(i) an upright mounting plate having a front face at a position above said base plate, and

(ii) a second pair of laterally spaced tracks connected in fixed relation to the mounting plate and engaging said first pair tracks for sliding movement of the mounting plate between a front position proximate the front edge of the base plate and a back position forwardly of said upright brace;

d) a drive screw threaded through the threaded hole in the upright brace, and rotatably engaging the mounting plate for movement thereof between said positions upon turning the drive screw; and

e) a graspable handle connected in fixed relation to one of the base and the holder.

Claim 25. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 24 in which the mounting plate includes a back face and a plurality of holes extending through between said front and back faces, said carrier further comprising means extending through said through holes for securing the workpiece to the front face of the mounting plate.

Claim 26. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 25 in which said securing means is

characterized as being located behind a vertical plane passing through the front edge of the base plate with said holder in said back position.

Claim 27. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 26 in which said securing means includes a plurality of threaded fasteners having heads engaging the back face of the mounting plate and extending from back to front through said through holes in the mounting plate.

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Claim 28. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 24 in which the drive screw is rotatably affixed to the mounting plate for movement of the holder forwardly and rearwardly between said positions upon rotation of the drive screw in first and second directions, respectively.

Claim 29. (new) The workpiece carrier as defined in claim 24 further comprising a pair of laterally spaced plate-portions connected to the top of the base plate, and having facing edges formed to establish said first pair of tracks.
